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IN CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 21, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JORGE RAMIREZ OCAMPO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT THE RECENT SELA MEETING IN PREVENTING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE UNITED STATES FOR EXCLUSION OF VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR FROM THE GSP. HE SAID THAT MOST COUNTRIES WERE PREPARED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION, BUT THAT HE HAD MANAGED TO SIDETRACK IT BY POINTING OUT THAT A) THE OAS WAS ALREADY ON RECORD URGING THE U.S. TO EXTEND PREFERENCES TO VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR AND B) THE U.S. EXECUTIVE WAS ON RECORD AS FAVORING PREFERENCES FOR THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. RAMIREZ OCAMPO ADDED THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE OTHER DELEGATES THAT COLOMBIA WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF ITS CONFRONTATIONAL NATURE.

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